

Czech-UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals



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Challenge Fund: Czech Solutions for SDGs

The objective of the **Challenge fund: Czech solutions for SDGs (hereafter: CFCS)** is a transfer of the Czech expertise and innovations addressing development challenges identified by UNDP in the Czech ODA priority countries and contribute to the achievement of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

CFCS co-funds innovative solutions, new production or environmental technologies, services, ideas, or products. **The CFCS views innovation in its broadest sense including:**

1. A new approach, product, idea or service that has not been tested anywhere and
2. is new to the beneficiary country; has not been applied into the sector in question in the beneficiary country; or
3. a service or a business model being introduced to a target group where it has not been tried before.

The proposed solutions need to have a potential for **commercial sustainability** and **scale up** in the priority country and a broader region. They must be available for sharing, replicable and must be built on technologies or methodologies that are adaptable to various contexts.

The fund has been earmarked for **Czech private sector, NGOs, universities, state institutions or research centers**. The desired outcome is a **feasibility study and/or an innovative and replicable solution to the identified development opportunity**. An implementation plan should specify concrete actions and local partnerships, associated activities, direct and indirect costs and ways towards a scale-up.

Applicants are required to **engage with local partners** for the sake of viability, sustainability and scalability of their innovations.

PRIORITY COUNTRIES:

BOSNIA
AND
HERZEGOVINA

GEORGIA

REPUBLIC
OF MOLDOVA

**The project must be completed within maximum
of 12 months.**

CFCS provides US \$20,000 to US \$40,000 per project.

Typical expenses that can be covered from CFCS may include – but are not limited to:

- Salaries of project staff;
- Technology, design, business and development consultancy services; Advisory inputs;
- Small equipment and supplies;
- Training and workshop expenses;
- Other costs, including travel connected to the implementation of the project.

Applicants are expected to provide in kind or financial co-funding of at least 20% of the total Project costs.

These expenses should be predicted to reflect the Project goals and should be clearly justified in accordance with Project objectives.

Only expenditures accrued during the project and completed by the end of the project are eligible for financing.

All agreements with subcontractors or third parties must be submitted with the application and must contain provision that the applicant retains ownership of all new intellectual property and the expertise.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- The lead applicant must be an Entity registered in the Czech Republic.
- The applicant must demonstrate capacity to implement the proposed project, incl. adequate financial, material, human and other non-financial resources.
- The applicant may collaborate with other Entity/-ies eligible for CFCS support.
- The projects should demonstrate that activities funded by the CFCS will be supplementary to the applicant's existing activities.

The selection process is open and designed according to the principles of merit, transparency, equality and rational use of funds.

GENERAL RULES FOR APPLICATIONS:

- a. Applicant may submit one application per priority country, however in case of the same (duplicate) project only one Application would be selected for award;
- b. Deadlines of both application stages are to be strictly respected.
- c. During the evaluation process, only complete Applications will be accepted.
- d. Documents required in hard copies (e.g. Excerpt from the Trade Register, Statute etc.) must not be sent to the UNDP before so requested.

EVALUATION:

Eligible and complete Applications will be evaluated according to evaluation criteria as follows:

- a. Degree of innovation with consideration of risks (10%);
- b. Development impact and project quality (20%);
- c. Experience of management and development team (10%);
- d. Potential for scale up and replication (10%);
- e. Long-term sustainability – financial, environmental, social (10%);
- f. Value for money and cost-effectiveness (30%);
- g. Availability of co-funding (10%).

AWARDING DECISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE PROJECTS

Based on the evaluation of all received applications, the overall ranking and a total number of points received, a threshold is set while considering the available funds and the amount of applications.

The final decision on funding is taken according to the ranking list.

Selected applicants will be offered signing an award agreement, which contains the final project plan and project budget.

Projects need to be carried out efficiently in accordance with the project plan and project budget, respecting provisions of the award agreement. Any significant deviations from the project plan require prior written consent of the UNDP.

The purpose of the monitoring is: (1) to assess the progress of project implementation in terms of activities and goals envisaged; and (2) to assure that financial expenditures are used in accordance with the project budget for the given period.

Monitoring includes review of submitted progress reports and on-site monitoring visits.

Project reports, including all key information required for tracking progress against *Czech-UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals* targets, and will feed into the Knowledge Management component (lessons learned, applicants' database, etc.).

Contact

More information about the call for applications and other activities of the "Czech-UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals" will be available via:

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